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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. PETER BOURNE
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON THAI SEIZURE OF
158.3 KILOGRAMS OF OPIATES

REF: A) BANGKOK 15705; B) STATE 141670

1. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, YOU WILL WANT TO
REVIEW REF A, WHICH REPORTS THAT THAI POLICE SEIZED
158.3 KILOGRAMS OF OPIATES, IN BANGKOK OPERATION JULY 15.
122 KILOGRAMS OF TOTAL WERE #3 AND #4 HEROIN, WITH
BALANCE IN MORPHINE BASE AND PREPARED OPIUM. SEIZURE
WAS FOLLOW-UP TO ARREST ON JULY 14 OF IMPORTANT NARCOTICS
TRAFFICKER FAN TZU-HSIANG (AKA KAO FAN), AND ARREST MAY
LEAD OTHER MAJOR TRAFFICKERS TO LIE LOW FOR SOME TIME.
WHOLE OPERATION WAS WORKED OUT IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH
DEA, AND ALL CONCERNED DESERVE HIGHEST CONGRATULATIONS
FOR WHAT IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE LARGEST SEIZURE OF OPIATES EVER
MADE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

2. BANGKOK PRESS IS GIVING SUBSTANTIAL PLAY TO THIS
MAJOR DEVELOPMENT. AS YOU CAN APPRECIATE, THAI BELIEVE
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THEY ARE TURNING IN A FINE JOB ON SEIZURE OF NARCOTICS AND
ARREST OF IMPORTANT TRAFFICKERS, WHO HAVE BEEN TREATED
WITH LONG SENTENCES IN PRISON AND, IN ONE CASE, BY EXECUTION.

3. I BELIEVE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS
TO PRIME MINISTER THANIN (REF B) WAS MOST HELPFUL IN
PROMOTING AND MAINTAINING THE ATMOSPHERE OF CLOSE AND

CONFIDENT COOPERATION WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED THAI-AMERICAN
EFFORTS IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.
IT WOULD BE TOO SOON, IN MY VIEW, TO SUGGEST THAT THE
PRESIDENT SEND ANOTHER MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
THAI, IN CONNECTION WITH THE JULY 14-15 OPERATIONS. HOWEVER,
THE ACHIEVEMENT WAS SO SUBSTANTIAL THAT I BELIEVE THAT
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE THAI ARE IN ORDER. ACCORDINGLY,
I RECOMMEND THAT YOU APPROVE MY SENDING A MESSAGE OF
CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDGE PRAMUK SAWATDIMONGKHON, SECRETARY GENERAL
OF NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD, ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

3. QTE ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT CARTER I WISH TO CONGRATULATE
YOU AND YOUR MEN ON ANOTHER FINE EFFORT IN THE STRUGGLE
AGAINST THE NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF
THE OUTSTANDING RESULTS OF THE OPERATION BY THAI POLICE
ON JULY 14-15, WHICH RESULTED IN ONE OF THE LARGEST SEIZURE OF
NARCOTICS EVER RECORDED AND THE ARREST OF A MAJOR
TRAFFICKER. I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT THIS
OPERATION WAS DEVELOPED THROUGH CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD AND THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT
ADMINISTRATION. YOUR EFFORTS ARE PARTICULARLY APPRECIATED
BY THE UNITED STATES, AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE A
SUBSTANTIAL DIMINUTION IN THE ILLICIT NARCOTICS TRAFFIC AND
SO TO LIFT THE BURDEN OF DRUG ABUSE FROM THE SHOULDERS OF
THE PEOPLE OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. END QTE.

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